

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, when will the contract come into force?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : (a) Yes.

(b) From the date on which the agreement between the two Governments is executed.

*Supply of electricity to Cochin State.*

43. \*MR. G. VELU-PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have reached at any agreement to supply electricity to Cochin from Pallivasal;

(b) if so, the conditions of the agreement; and

(c) the date when the agreement is to take effect?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : (a) Yes.

(b) The formal agreement has not yet been signed.

(c) In view of the answer to part (b) this does not arise.

*Employees in the Transport Department.*

44. \*MR. P. S. MUHAMMED : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of the employees in the Transport Department in the following posts:—

(i) Ministerial ;

(ii) Drivers ;

(iii) Conductors; and

(iv) Peons or attenders?

MR. E. G. SALTER : The State Transport Department being a commercial concern, communal representation is not the criterion for making appointments.

*Muslims in the Transport Department.*

45. \*MR. P. S. MUHAMMED : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(a) the total number of employees in the Transport Department; and

(b) the number of Muslims among them ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : (a) and (b) The State Transport Department being a commercial concern, communal representation is not the criterion for making appointments?

*Members of the Varnava community in the Transport Department.*

46. \*MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any one belonging to the Varnava community holds any post at present in the Transport Department, and if so, the number of such persons and the names of the posts they hold ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : The State Transport Department being a commercial concern, communal representation is not the criterion for making appointments.